GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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GOLDEN QUADRILATERAL PROJECT
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction works of Golden Quadrilateral Project and the East-West and North-South Corridor have not been completed in time and with the fund allocated for the same;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the works completed and pending till date and total expenditure thereon;

(c) whether the revised budget estimates for National Highways Authority of India for the year 2005-06 and 2006-07 has been reduced; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) and (b) About 96% (5,597 km out of total 5,846 km) of Golden Quadrilateral has been completed as on date. The balance work has not been completed because of various reasons such as rescinding and reawarding of the contracts of non-performing contractors, land acquisition, shifting of utilities, environment/forest/Railways clearances etc.

As regards North-South & East-West corridors, four laning has been completed in 1,390 km and is in progress in 4,931 kms. Contracts for 821 km remain to be awarded.

(c)and(d) The Budget Estimate for National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for the year 2005-06 was Rs. 16,169.74 crore. This includes Rs. 8,500 crore against Internal & Extra Budgetary Resources (IEBR) mainly through market borrowings. The Revised Estimates for NHAI was Rs. 11,001.74 crore including Rs. 4,082 crore against IEBR.The reduction was mainly in IEBR. Reduction was also due to lower level of funds required for Externally Aided Projects which were mostly nearing completion or were completed. There was no change in RE 2006-07 as compared to BE 2006-07.